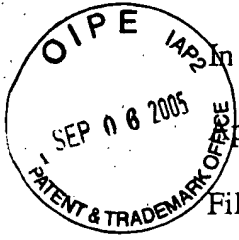


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Introductory Comments

This is responsive to the final office action mailed August 6, 2004. A petition for an extension of three months time and a notice of appeal are filed herewith.

Authorization is hereby granted to have any additional fees required for consideration of this Amendment, and any accompanying submission, charged to deposit account no. 50-1108.